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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

REF: CAIRO 9945

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND FAHMY THE PRESIDENT' AND MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S PROMPT AND POSITIVE RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE ABOUT THE EVACUATION OF OUR CITIZENS FROM BEIRUT. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM THEM THAT, IN LIGHT OF THAT POSITIVE RESPONSE, WE ARE NOW ASKING AMBASSADOR SEELYE IN BEIRUT TO FOLLOW UP WITH DIRECT APPROACHES ON SATURDAY TO THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR THERE AND THROUGH OUR SECURITY CONTACT WITH THE PLO. SEELYE WILL INFORM THEM THAT WE INTEND TO PROCEED WITH THE EVACUATION ON TUESDAY, JULY 27, EITHER BY ROAD CONVOY TO DAMASCUS OR BY SEA. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER MEANS, HE WILL POINT OUT THAT SEA EVACUATION, AS WAS DONE LAST TIME, DOES NOT INVOLVE THE COOPERATION OF ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PLO AND THAT THEREFORE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, OF THE SECRET

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KIND THE PLO HAS MENTIONED TO US AS COMPLICATING FACTORS,

ARE IRRELEVANT AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY US. AGAIN, WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE HELP OUR EGYPTIAN FRIENDS ARE GIVING US IN THIS MATTER AND WILL KEEP THEM INFORMED OF THE SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPS. ROBINSON

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